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4. A single succession; one gradation in the scale of genealogical descent.  
This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled.  
In the fourth generation they shall come hither again. *Gen.*  
A marvellous number were excited to the conquest of Palestine, which with singular virtue they performed, and held that kingdom some few generations. *Raleigh's Essays.*
5. An age.  
By some of the ancients a generation was fixed at an hundred years; by others at an hundred and ten; by others at thirty-three, thirty-five, and twenty; but it is remarked, that the continuance of generations is so much longer as they come nearer to the more ancient times. *Calmet.*  
Every where throughout all generations and ages of the Christian world, no church ever perceived the word of God to be against it. *Hooker.*
- GENERATIVE. *adj.* [*generatif*, French, from *genero*, Latin.]
  1. Having the power of propagation.  
He gave to all, that have life, a power generative, thereby to continue their species and kinds. *Raleigh's History.*
  2. Prolifick; having the power of production; fruitful.  
If there hath been such a gradual diminution of the generative faculty upon the earth, why was there not the like decay in the production of vegetables? *Bentley's Sermons.*
- GENERATOR. *n. f.* [from *genero*, Latin.] The power which begets, causes, or produces.  
Imagination assimilates the idea of the generator into the reality in the thing engendered. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- GENERIC. *adj.* [*generique*, French, from *genus*, Latin.]
  1. That which comprehends the genus, or distinguishes from another genus, but does not distinguish the species.  
The word consumption being applicable to a proper, and improper to a true and bastard consumption, requires a generic description quadrate to both. *Harvey on Consumptions.*
  2. Though wine differs from other liquids, in that it is the juice of a certain fruit; yet this is but a general or generic difference; for it does not distinguish wine from cyder or perry: the specific difference of wine, therefore, is its preference from the grape. *Watts's Logic.*
- GENERICALLY. *adv.* [from *generic*.] With regard to the genus, though not the species.  
These have all the essential characters of sea-shells, and shew that they are of the very same specific gravity with those to which they are so generically allied. *Woodward.*
- GENEROUS. *n. f.* [*generosité*, French; *generositas*, Latin.]
  1. The quality of being generous; magnanimity; liberality.  
Can he be better principled in the grounds of true virtue and generosity than his young tutor is? *Lowe on Education.*
  2. It would not have been your generosity, to have passed by such a fault as this. *Lowe.*
- GENEROUSLY. *adv.* [from *generous*.]
  1. Not of mean birth; of good extraction.
  2. Noble of mind; magnanimous; open of heart.  
His generous spouse, Theano, heav'nly fair,  
Nurs'd the young stranger. *Pope.*
  3. Liberal; munificent.
  4. Strong; vigorous.  
Having in a digestive furnace drawn off the ardent spirit from some good sack, the phlegm, even in this generous wine, was copious. *Boyle.*
- GENEROUSLY. *adv.* [from *generous*.]
  1. Not meanly with regard to birth.
  2. Magnanimously; nobly.  
Yet generously he does his arms withhold. *Dryd. Ind. Emp.*
  3. Liberally; munificently.
- GENEROUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *generous*.] The quality of being generous.  
Is it possible to conceive that the overflowing generosity of the Divine Nature would create immortal beings with mean or envious principles? *Collier on Kindness.*
- GENESIS. *n. f.* [*γενεσις*, Greek; *genesis*, French.] Generation; the first book of *Moses*, which treats of the production of the world.
- GENET. *n. f.* [French.] The word originally signified a horse-man, and perhaps a gentleman or knight. A small sized well proportioned Spanish horse.  
You'll have your nephews neigh to you; you'll have courters for cousins, and *genets* for germanes. *Shak. Othello.*  
It is no more likely that frogs should be engendered in the clouds than Spanish *genets* be begotten by the wind. *Ray.*  
He throws his statue too, where, plac'd on high,  
The *genet* underneath him seems to fly. *Dryd. Juven. Sat.*
- GENETHLIACAL. *adj.* [*γενεθλιακός*, Greek.] Pertaining to nati- vities as calculated by astronomers; shewing the configura- tions of the stars at any birth.  
The night immediately before he was sighting the art of those foolish astrologers, and *genethliacal* ephemerids, that use to pry into the horoscope of natiivities. *Howel's Vocal Forest.*
- GENETHLIACKS. *n. f.* [from *γενεθλια*.] The science of cal-

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- culating natiivities, or predicting the future events of life from the stars predominant at the birth.
- GENETHLIATICK. *n. f.* [*γενεθλια*.] He who calculates na- tiivities.  
The truth of astrological predictions is not to be referred to the constellations: the *genethliatics* conjecture by the dis- position, temper, and complexion of the person. *Drummond.*
- GENEVA. *n. f.* [A corruption of *genevre*, French, a juniper- berry.]  
We used to keep a distilled spirituous water of juniper in the shops; but the making of it became the business of the distiller, who sold it under the name of *geneva*. At present only a better kind is distilled from the juniper-berry: what is commonly sold is made with no better an ingredient than oil of turpentine, put into the still, with a little common salt, and the coarsest spirit they have, which is drawn off much below proof strength, and is consequently a liquor that one would wonder any people could accustom themselves to drink with pleasure. *Hill's Med. Medica.*
- GENIAL. *adj.* [*genialis*, Latin.]
  1. That which contributes to propagation.  
Higher of the *genial* bed by far,  
And with mysterious reverence I deem.  
Creator *Venus*, *genial* pow'r of love,  
The bliss of men below and gods above! *Dryden's Fables.*
  2. That gives cheerfulness or supports life.  
Nor th' other light of life continue long,  
But yields to double darkness nigh at hand;  
So much I feel my *genial* spirits droop. *Milton's Agonists.*
  3. Natural; native.  
It chiefly proceedeth from natural incapacity, and *genial* in- disposition. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. i.*
- GENIALLY. *adv.* [from *genial*.]
  1. By genius; naturally.  
Some men are *genially* disposed to some opinions, and natu- rally as averse to others. *Glauco. Steps. c. 15.*
  2. Gayly; cheerfully.
- GENICULATED. *adj.* [*geniculatus*, Latin.] Knotted; jointed.  
A piece of some *geniculated* plant, seeming to be part of a sugar-cane. *Woodward on Figs.*
- GENICULATION. *n. f.* [*geniculatio*, Latin.] Knottiness; the quality in plants of having knots or joints.
- GENIO. *n. f.* [*genio*, Italian; *genius*, Latin.] A man of a par- ticular turn of mind.  
Some *genios* are not capable of pure affection; and a man is born with talents for it as much as for poetry, or any other science. *Tatler, N° 53.*
- GENITALS. *n. f.* [*genitalia*, Lat.] Parts belonging to generation.  
Ham is conceived to be Jupiter, who was the youngest son, who is said to have cut off the *genitals* of his father. *Brown.*
- GENITING. *n. f.* [A corruption of *Janet*, French, signifying *Jane* or *Janet*, having been called in honour of some lady of that name; and the Scottish dialect calls them *Janet* apples, which is the same with *Janet*: otherwise supposed to be cor- rupted from *Janet*.] An early apple gathered in June.  
In July come early pears and plumbs in fruit, *genitals* and codlins. *Bacon, Essay 47.*
- GENITIVE. *adj.* [*genitivus*, Latin.] In grammar, the name of a case, which, among other relations, signifies one begot- ten, as, the father of a son, or one begetting, as son of a father.
- GENIUS. *n. f.* [Latin; *genie*, French.]
  1. The protecting or ruling power of men, places, or things.  
There is none but he  
Whose being I do fear; and, under him,  
My *genius* is rebuk'd; as it is said  
Antony's was by *Cæsar*. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
The *genius* and the mortal instruments  
Are then in council; and the state of man,  
Like to a little kingdom, suffers then. *Shaksp. Jul. Cæsar.*  
And as I awake, sweet musick breathe,  
Sent by some spirit to mortals good,  
Or th' unseen *genius* of the wood. *Milton.*  
And the tame demon that should guard my throne,  
Shrinks at a *genius* greater than his own. *Dryden.*  
To your glad *genius* sacrifice this day;  
Let common meats respectfully give way. *Dryden.*
  2. A man endowed with superiour faculties.  
There is no little writer of Pindarick who is not mentioned as a prodigious *genius*. *Addison.*
  3. Mental power or faculties.  
The state and order does proclaim  
The *genius* of that royal dame. *Waller.*
  4. Disposition of nature by which any one is qualified for some peculiar employment.  
A happy *genius* is the gift of nature. *Dryden's Duress.*  
Your majesty's sagacity, and happy *genius* for natural his- tory, is a better preparation for enquiries of this kind than all the dead learning of the schools. *Burnet's Theory, Preface.*  
One science only will one *genius* fit;  
So vast is art, so narrow human wit. *Pope on Criticism.*  
The Romans, though they had no great *genius* for trade, yet were not entirely neglectful of it. *Arbutnot on Coins.*

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5. Nature; disposition.  
Studious to please the *genius* of the times,  
With periods, points and tropes he flurs his crimes. *Dryd.*  
Another *genius* and disposition improper for philosophical contemplations is not so much from the narrowness of their spirit and understanding, as because they will not take time to extend them. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth, Preface.*  
He tames the *genius* of the stubborn plain. *Pope.*
- GENT. *adj.* [*gent*, old French.] Elegant; soft; gentle; polite.  
A word now disused.  
Vespasian, with great spoil and rage,  
Forewasted all: till Genuilla *gent*. *Fairy Queen, b. ii. cant. 10.*  
Persuaded him to cease. *Fairy Queen, b. ii. cant. 10.*  
She that was noble, wife, as fair and *gent*,  
Cast how the might her harmless lives preserve. *Fairfax.*
- GENTEEL. *adj.* [*gentil*, French.]
  1. Polite; elegant in behaviour; civil.  
He had a *genteel* manner of binding the chains of this kingdom than most of his predecessors. *Swift to Gay.*  
Their poets have no notion of *genteel* comedy, and fall into the most filthy double meanings when they have a mind to make their audience merry. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*
  2. Graceful in mien.
- GENTEELLY. *adv.* [from *genteel*.]
  1. Elegantly; politely.  
Those that would be *genteelly* learned, need not purchase it at the dear rate of being atheists. *Glauco. Steps. Preface.*  
After a long fatigue of eating and drinking, and babbling, he concludes the great work of dining *genteelly*. *South.*
  2. Gracefully; handsomely.
- GENTEELNESS. *n. f.* [from *genteel*.]
  1. Elegance; gracefulness; politeness.  
He had a *genteel* full of *genteelness* and spirit, having nothing that was ungraceful in his postures and dresses. *Dryd. Duress.*
  2. Qualities befitting a man of rank.
- GENTIAN. *n. f.* [*gentiane*, French; *gentiana*, Latin.] Felwort or balmwort.  
The leaves grow by pairs opposite to each other: the flower consists of one leaf, shaped like a cup, being cut into four, five, or more segments: it is succeeded by a membranous oval shaped fruit, ending in a sharp point, opening lengthwise into two parts, and containing many flat roundish seeds, bordered with a leafy rim. *Miller.*  
The root of the *gentian* is large and long, of a tolerably firm texture, and remarkably tough: it has a faintish and somewhat disagreeable smell, and an extremely bitter taste. It is brought cheap from Germany. *Hill's Mat. Medica.*  
If it be fistulous, and the orifice small, dilate it with *gentian* roots. *Wise's Surgery.*
- GENTIANELLA. *n. f.* A kind of blue colour.
- GENTILE. *n. f.* [*gentilis*, Latin.]
  1. One of an uncovenanted nation; one who knows not the true God.  
Tribulation and anguish upon every soul that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the *gentile*. *Rom. ii. 2.*  
*Gentiles* or infidels, in those actions, upon both the spiritual and temporal good, have been in one pursuit conjoined. *Bacon.*
  2. A person of rank. Obsolete.  
Fine Basil desireth it may be her lot  
To grow, as a gilliflow'r, trim in a pot;  
That ladies and *gentiles*, for whom ye do serve,  
May help him as needeth, poor life to preserve. *Tupper.*
- GENTILESS. *n. f.* [French.] Complaisance; civility.  
She with her wedding-cloaths undressed  
Her complaisance and *gentiless*. *Hudibras, p. iii. cant. 1.*
- GENTLISIM. *n. f.* [*gentilissime*, French, from *gentile*.] Hea- thenism; paganism.  
If invocation of saints had been introduced in the apostol- ical times, it would have looked like the introducing of *gentil- ism* again. *Stillfleet's Desc. of Disc. on Rom. Idol.*
- GENTLITIOUS. *adj.* [*gentilitius*, Latin.]
  1. Endemial; peculiar to a nation.  
That an unfavorable odour is *gentilitious*, or national unto the Jews, reason or sense will not induce. *Brown's Vulgar Err.*
  2. Hereditary; entailed on a family.  
The common cause of this distemper is a particular and perhaps a *gentilitious* disposition of body. *Arbutnot on Aliment.*
- GENTILITY. *n. f.* [*gentilité*, French, from *gentil*, French; *gen- tilis*, Latin.]
  1. Good extraction; dignity of birth.
  2. Elegance of behaviour; gracefulness of mien; nicety of taste.
  3. Gentry; the class of persons well born.  
Gavelskind must needs, in the end, make a poor *gentility*. *Davies on Ireland.*
  4. Paganism; heathenism.  
When people began to spy the falshood of oracles, where- upon all *gentility* was built, their hearts were utterly averted from it. *Hooker, b. v. f. 2.*
- GENTILE. *adj.* [*gentilis*, Latin.]
  1. Well born; well defended; ancient, though not noble.  
They entering and killing all of the *gentile* and rich faction, for honesty sake broke open all prisons. *Sidney.*

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- These are the studies wherein our noble and *gentle* youth ought to bestow their time. *Milton on Education.*  
Of *gentle* blood, part shed in honour's cause, *Pope.*  
Each parent sprung.  
2. Soft; bland; mild; tame; meek; peaceable.  
I am one of those *gentle* ones that will use the devil himself with courtesy. *Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.*  
Her voice was ever soft,  
*Gentle* and low; an excellent thing in woman. *Shakespeare.*  
As *gentle*, and as jocund, as to jest,  
Go I to fight. *Shakespeare's Richard II.*  
A virtuous and a good man, reverend in conversation, and *gentle* in condition. *2 Mac. xv. 12.*  
The *gentlest* heart on earth is prov'd unkind. *Fairfax.*  
Your change was wife; for, had he been deny'd,  
A swift revenge had follow'd from her pride:  
You from my *gentle* nature had no fears;  
All my revenge is only in my tears. *Dryden's Ind. Emp.*  
He had such a *gentle* method of reproving their faults, that they were not so much afraid as ashamed to repeat them. *Atter.*- 3. Soothing; pacific.  
And though this sense first *gentle* musick found,  
Her proper object is the speech of men. *Davies.*
- GENTLE. *n. f.*
  1. A gentleman; a man of birth. Now out of use.  
*Gentles*, do not reprehend;  
If you pardon, we will mend.  
Where is my lovely bride?  
How does my father? *Gentles*, methinks you frown. *Shaksp.*
  2. A particular kind of worm.  
He will in the three hot months bite at a flagworm, or at a green *gentle*. *Walton's Angler.*
- TO GENTLE. *v. a.* To make gentle; to raise from the vulgar, Obsolete.  
He to-day that sheds his blood with me,  
Shall be my brother; be he never so vile,  
This day shall *gentle* his condition. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*
- GENTLEFOLK. *n. f.* [*gentle* and *folk*.] Persons distinguished by their birth from the vulgar.  
The queen's kindred are made *gentlefolk*. *Shaksp. Rich. III.*  
*Gentlefolks* will not care for the remainder of a bottle of wine; therefore always set a fresh one before them after dinner. *Swift's Direction to the Butler.*
- GENTLEMAN. *n. f.* [*gentilhomme*, French; *gentiluomo*, Ital. that is, *homo gentilis*, a man of ancestry. All other deri- vations seem to be whimsical.]
  1. A man of birth; a man of extraction, though not noble.  
A civil war was within the bowels of that state, between the *gentlemen* and the peasants. *Sidney.*  
I freely told you, all the wealth I had  
Ran in my veins; I was a *gentleman*. *Shak. Merch. of Venice.*  
He hither came a private *gentleman*,  
But young and brave, and of a family  
Ancient and noble. *Orway's Orphan.*  
You say a long defended race  
Makes *gentlemen*, and that your high degree  
Is much disparag'd to be match'd with me. *Dryden.*
  2. A man raised above the vulgar by his character or post.  
Inquire me out some mean-born *gentleman*,  
Whom I will marry straight to Clarence's daughter. *Shaksp.*
  3. A term of complaisance.  
The same *gentlemen* who have fixed this piece of morality on the three naked sisters dancing hand in hand, would have found out as good a one had there been four of them sitting at a distance, and covered from head to foot. *Addison.*
  4. The servant that waits about the person of a man of rank.  
Sir Thomas More, the Sunday after he gave up his chan- cellorship, came to his wife's pew, and used the usual words of his *gentleman* usher, Madam, my lord is gone. *Camden.*  
Let be call'd before us  
That *gentleman* of Buckingham's in person. *Shak. H. VIII.*
  5. It is used of any man however high.  
The earl of Hereford was reputed then  
In England the most valiant *gentleman*. *Shaksp. Henry IV.*  
The king is a noble *gentleman*, and my familiar. *Shaksp.*
- GENTLEMANLIKE. *adj.* [*gentleman* and *like*.] Becoming a *GENTLEMANLY*. } man of birth.  
He holdeth himself a gentleman, and scorneth to work, which, he saith, is the life of a peasant or churl; but enureth himself to his weapon, and to the *gentlemanly* trade of steal- ing. *Spenser on Ireland.*  
Pyramus is a sweet-faced man; a proper man as one shall see in a summer's day; a most lovely *gentlemanlike* man. *Shak.*  
You have train'd me up like a peasant, hiding from me all *gentlemanlike* qualities. *Shakespeare's As you like it.*  
A gentleman uses the words of gallantry, and *gentlemanlike* very often in his petition. *Speator, N° 629.*  
Two clergymen stood candidates for a free-school, where a gentleman, who happened to have understanding, procured the place for him who was the better scholar and more *gentle- manly* person of the two. *Swift.*
- GENTLENESS. *n. f.* [from *gentle*.]  
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1. Dignity